

PEACE AND THE CANAL

are looking for. Chinese from the cooler and more northern parts of the empire would probably be no better for our purpose than any other people taken from the temperate zone.

Traffic upon the Panama Railroad has, of course, increased enormously during the last few months. Most of the increase naturally consisted of supplies for the canal, but in addition to that there is a great deal of business of a general

character. Work on the reconstruction of the railroad will be pushed with all possible vigor throughout the line of road is only forty-seven miles long. It is estimated that we will require, all told, from 300 to 400 miles of track along the route. All the improvements upon the railroad that are required by the regular passenger or freight business will be charged to the railroad company, and all the improvements purchased for the use of the canal will be paid for out of the canal funds.

TAFT AND ROOT BOTH LIKED.

"What do you think of the proposed plan to transfer the canal from the War Department to

It is absolutely immaterial to the members of the commission. It will make no difference whatever to any member of the body, or to the work itself. I am very fond of Mr. Taft. I think he is splendid. He is a fine executive officer, and a lovely fellow to do business with. At the same time, I like Mr. Root immensely, and think him one of the greatest men in the country. I'd just as soon

To business with one as the other. Now, Mr. Taft has a tremendous lead on his shoulders and if he could persuade Mr. Root to relieve him of the responsibility of the canal perhaps he would be glad to let go of it. All that rests with the President, and with Taft and Root. The canal will be built just as quickly with Mr. Taft at the head of affairs as it would with Mr. Root managing things. There is nothing to choose in that regard.

The conductor of the train cried "All aboard!"

to be in any haste to leave the platform. "Your train is going," suggested one of the newspaper men. "Oh, don't let that worry you," exclaimed

the tall chairman, leisurely shaking hands all around. Then, as he swung himself aboard the moving train, he laughed, and said: "If I can't hop on a car when it's going I'll think that something is the matter with me, and won't be able to get on any more."

BARON ROSEN FAVORED.

*Informal Reception by President
Special Mark of Courtesy.*

Washington, July 14.—Diplomats here

failed to appreciate the significance of the informality which characterized the presentation of Baron Rosen, the new Russian Ambassador, to the President at Sagamore Hill yesterday. The absence of any formal exchanges was in accordance with the wishes of the new envoy, but the waiving of this formality is regarded here as an unusual mark of courtesy to Baron Rosen whom the President when Civil Service Commissioner, knew as Secretary of the Russian Legation at Washington years ago. The friends

ship formed then was not allowed to lapse in the decade that followed, and the sending of the Sylph to New-York to bring Baron Rosen to Sagamore Hill was another feature of the arrangements for his presentation personally directed by the President. The only other time the President has waived all formalities in the initial presentation of an Ambassador or Minister was in the winter of 1903, during the Venezuelan negotiations, when the President received informally the German Ambassador.

Then, as now, the situation was so delicate that had formal speeches been exchanged it would have been necessary to confine them to generalities.

WOMEN FIGHT IN STREET
Try to Settle Poker Debt in Front of
Victoria

Ida Brightwell, of 123 West 51st-st., and Lillian Baker, of 264 West 84th-st., settled a poker debt in front of the Hotel Victoria last night, to the amusement of the Broadway throng. It was a lively battle while it lasted, right swings, left jolts with some scratching, gouging and hair pulling. Both were disconsolate when they were hauled out of the middle of Broadway, whither they had struggled, by Policeman Lavery, who hauled them

There the Brightwell woman explained that she had won money from Miss Baker a few days ago playing draw poker, and that the Baker woman had not made good.

"Do either of you women want to make a complaint?" asked Sergeant Robinson.

"No; I'll settle with her when I get her outside."

"Back to the cell for you," said the sergeant, "tell the magistrate down in the Jefferson Market about it."

RECEPTION OF ENVOYS.

President Hill Looking After Japanese Delegation—New-Hampshire Offers Aid.

St. Paul, July 14.—President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway is personally arranging the itinerary for the Japanese peace plenipotentiaries in their journey from Seattle to Washington.

The party, which is headed by Baron Komura, will arrive at Seattle on the steamer Minnesota July 20. They will travel eastward over the Great Northern to Duluth, where they will embark on the steamer Northwest for Buffalo. At Buffalo the party will be taken by the Pennsylvania Railway to Washington, arriving there early in August.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 14.—The State of New Hampshire desires to take part in entertaining the Russian and Japanese peace envoys, who are to hold their conferences in this city next month. Word has been received here that Edward N. Pearson, Secretary of State, will come from Concord this evening for the purpose of conferring with

third Assistant Secretary of State Peirce, regarding arrangements for the accommodation of the envoys, and to offer the assistance of the State. It is expected that Mr. Peirce will come to Portsmouth to-morrow.

Hunters and Dogs Fear to Meet the Ferocious Brute.

Morristown, July 14 (Special).—That there is a

wildcat or some ferocious creature on the Dover Mountain is the firm conviction of all in Rockaway, Dover and vicinity. It is also the opinion of "Skipper" Dobbins, the well known gum shoe expert of that section of the country. Dobbins believes the catamount is there, because he heard it at very close quarters, and believes he just escaped

with his life the other evening. He had been employed by the directors of the White Meadow Club to watch for some thief who was carting off the young trout. So he went up there in the evening and promptly came down again shortly after nightfall.

Few feet of him that his hair raised on his scalp. He knew it was not human, and he did not wait to learn what kind of an animal was making the sounds, but ran for the town at once. After telling his story hunters got out in force and were led by three big Pennsylvania hounds. The dogs took up the trail readily enough, but after following it for

An hour or so returned with their tails between their legs, and could not be driven away on it again. All the old hunters say that this is a sure sign of wildcats. The cat has been seen by Mr. Rogers, steward of the club, who says it is larger than a collie dog, with a smooth, shiny, gray coat and eyes that look like two balls of fire in the evening. A general hunting party will soon be organized to go out and make a determined effort to kill one.

NO MAIL DRIVERS STRIKE.

A conference by which a general strike of the United States mail wagon drivers was averted was held last night. Representatives of the drivers met representatives of the Post Office Department.

cott & Co., to whom the contract for carrying the mail has been awarded.